GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3549
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MODERNISATION OF CENTRAL ORDNANCE DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to modernise the Central Ordnance Depots;

(b) if so, the details of Central Ordnance Depots in respect of which the project reports have been finalised by the Government so far;

(c) the details of the Ordnance Depots, which have been taken up for modernization and the funds earmarked for these projects; and

(d) the time by which project reports of the remaining Ordnance Depots are likely to be finalized and taken up for modernisation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3549 FOR 18.8.2005

The Government of India has taken up modernization of Ordnance Depots in a phased manner. Preparation of Detailed Project Reports in respect of Central Ordnance Depot, Agra and Central Ordnance Depot, Jabalpur was entrusted to M/s Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Limited (MECON), a Government of India Enterprise. The Detailed Project Reports have now been completed by MECON and submitted to the Government for approval. The modernization of COD Kanpur, involving an approved expenditure of Rs. 187 crores, is at an advanced stage of completion. Definite time frame, by which project reports of the remaining Ordnance Depots are likely to be finalized and taken up for modernization, cannot be given.